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Date: August 15, 2002

Re: PERMANENCY PLAN REQUIREMENTS UNDER 2001 WISCONSIN ACT 109

The Legislature recently passed and the Governor signed the Budget Reform Bill (2001 Wisconsin Act 109). This Act includes a number of statutory changes designed to bring Wisconsin into compliance with the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act. We are preparing a numbered memo designed to inform you of those changes. The purpose of this Numbered Memo is to provide you with advance notice of a provision in Act 109 regarding the timeframes for complying with new permanency plan requirements.

The Act amends the current law to mandate that the permanency planning requirements under s. 48.38 and 938.38, Stats., apply to the following additional situations:

- A child/juvenile is living in the home of a relative other than a parent if any of the conditions specified in s. 48.38(2)(a) Stats. to s. 48.38(2)(e) Stats. or s. 938.38(2)(a) Stats. to s. 938.38(2)(e) Stats. exist; and
- A child/juvenile is under the supervision of an agency via a consent decree under s. 48.32(1)(b), Stats. or s. 938.32(1)(b), Stats.

These requirements apply to all children and juveniles under either of the above circumstances effective July 30, 2002.

The Act also establishes time frames for complying with this new requirement:

- By September 1, 2002, permanency plans must be filed with the court for not less than 33% of these cases.
- By November 1, 2002, permanency plans must be filed with the court for not less than 67% of these cases.
- By January 1, 2003, permanency plans must be filed with the court for not less than 100% of these cases.
- For such cases initiated on or after July 30, 2002, the permanency planning requirements and time frames under s. 48.38 and 938.38, Stats., apply.

We appreciate your assistance in affording these children and juveniles the services and protections they need to assure their greatest chance for permanence.

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